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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 1802

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, SENV, NP, IN
SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER RENEWS GON COMMITMENT TO REGIONAL
WATERS DEVELOPMENT

REF: A) 77 KATHMANDU 5344, B) KATHMANDU 1234, C) KATHMANDU 1671

1. PRIME MINISTER BISTA APRIL 3 TOOK OCCASION TO LAYING
FOUNDATION STONE FOR KULEKHANI HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT TO
REITERATE AGAIN NEPAL'S COMMITMENT TO REGIONAL WATERS DEVELOPMENT.
ALTHOUGH KULEKHANI PROJECT IS AIMED STRICTLY AT INTERNAL NEEDS,
BISTA NOTED THAT NEPAL HOPES TO NEXT TO TURN ATTENTION TO LARGE
PROJECTS WITH IMPLICATIONS OUTSIDE NEPAL. HE REFERRED
SPECIFICALLY TO KARNALI PROJECT IN WEST WHICH HE SAID NOW
SEEMED POSSIBLE IN VIEW OF GOI COMMITMENT TO BUY ALL SURPLUS
POWER GENERATED THEREBY. BISTA WENT ON TO SAY THAT NEPAL ALSO
PREPARED TO HELP COUNTRIES IN REGION TO UNDERTAKE "MULTI-
DIMENSIONAL" PROJECTS WITH REGION WIDE BENEFIT AND
REMINDED HIS AUDIENCE OF KING'S WORDS ON SAME SUBJECT
AT COLOMBO PLAN MEETING IN DECEMBER (REF A).

2. COMMENT: BISTA PUBLIC STATEMENT REINFORCES POINT
MADE BY KING TO AMBASSADOR (REF C) THAT NEPAL STILL
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VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING WATER RESOURCES ON
REGIONAL BASIS, EVEN IF SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS KILL NEED
FURTHER STUDY. DECISIONS MOVE AHEAD ON PROJECTS LIKE
KARNALI ON BILATERAL BASIS RATHER THAN TRYING INCLUDE
BANGLADESH IN ON PLANNING (REF B) APPEAR BE BASED ON
GON READING OF WHAT IS PRACTICAL AT MOMENT RATHER THAN
REJECTION OF REGIONAL THRUST AS OVERALL GOAL.

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